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SUBJECT: NEWS REPORT OF PALESTINIAN INFIGHTING

KUWAIT DAILY AL-SIYASSA FRONTPAGES JANUARY 15 FOLLOWING STORY
OF AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF MEMBERS OF ABU NIDAL GROUP:

QUOTE...A STATEMENT BY THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENT (FATAH) - THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (ABU NIDAL'S
GROUP) - REVEALED A DEATH SENTENCE DECISION WHICH THE MOVE-
MENT IMPLEMENTED ON JANUARY 11, 1980 AGAINST HAMDAN KHALIL
AL-ISSA. THE STATEMENT WAS RECEIVED BY AL SIYASSA YESTERDAY
OVER THE TELEPHONE IN WHICH THE SPOKESMAN REFUSED TO SAY
WHETHER HE WAS SPEAKING FROM BAGHDAD OR BEIRUT OR ANY OTHER
CAPITAL, SAID THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE DECISION WAS TAKEN
AFTER THE ADMISSION BY HAMDAN KHALIL AL-ISSA OF HIS AND HIS
PARTNERS' ROLE IN WHAT IS CALLED A "NETWORK" AIMING AT THE
ASSASSINATION OF PROMINENT LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL (ABU NIDAL'S GROUP). THE STATEMENT ACCUSED SALAH
KHALAF AS BEING DIRECTLY BEHIND THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
THE STATEMENT DID NOT SPECIFY THE PERSONS TARGETED OR THE
COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ATTEMPT TOOK PLACE. THE STATEMENT
FURTHER WARNED THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS WHICH WERE AFFORDING
PROTECTION TO THIS NETWORK. END QUOTE.
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(Abu Nidal)**Fatah - The Revolutionary ~~Command~~ Council**Palestinian National Liberation Movement**! Nazi allures - ?*

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